Please cancel Claims 28, 37, 42-50 and 55, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and please amend Claims 24, 25, 27, 31-34, 36, 38, 40, 41, 51, 52, 54, 55, 58 and 59.

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims 1-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): A host computer that communicates ~~both with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and~~ with a plurality of printing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses via a network, said host computer comprising:

a reference unit adapted to refer to font registration information that includes information specifying a font, ~~wherein the font registration information is retained in the management apparatus~~ registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses;

a font registration unit adapted to download font data to the plurality of printing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses for registration; and

a ~~transmission~~ management unit adapted to ~~transmit~~ retain the font registration information and manage registration information, indicating the font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses by said font registration unit, ~~to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the management apparatus, based on~~

the registration information, wherein the font registration information is used when the font data is downloaded to any one of the plurality of printing apparatus apparatuses by said font registration unit.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A host computer according to Claim 24, further comprising an instruction unit adapted to send a delete instruction to the printing apparatus to delete the font data registered in the printing apparatus, wherein the font registration information retained in the management apparatus unit is updated in response to deletion of the font data, in accordance with the delete instruction.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A host computer according to Claim 24, further comprising a specifying unit adapted to specify information on a font to be downloaded, based on the font registration information referred to by said reference unit.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A host computer according to Claim 24, wherein said font registration unit collectively downloads the font data to [[a]] the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration.

Claim 28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (currently amended): A host computer according to Claim 26, wherein

the font registration information indicates a printer name and a font name in combination for each of [[a]] the plurality of printing apparatuses,

said specifying unit specifies information on a font to be downloaded to each printing apparatus, based on the font registration information, and

said font registration unit collectively downloads the font data to the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration, in response to specification of the information by said specifying unit.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A host computer according to Claim 24, wherein the font registration information includes information that indicates a printer name and a font name.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A host computer that communicates both with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and with a predetermined apparatus plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, said host computer comprising:

a reference unit adapted to refer to font registration information that includes information specifying a font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses, wherein the font registration information is retained in the management apparatus;

a font registration unit adapted to download font data to the predetermined apparatus plurality of printing apparatuses for registration; and

a transmission unit adapted to transmit registration information, indicating the font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses by said font registration

unit, to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the management apparatus, based on the registration information, wherein the font registration information is used when the font data is downloaded to ~~the predetermined apparatus~~ <u>any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u> by said font registration unit.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A print system comprising a <u>plurality of</u> printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> and a host computer that communicates[[,]] via a network, ~~both with a management apparatus, which manages fonts,~~ in which system font data from said host computer is registered in said printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u>, and said printing ~~apparatus,~~ ~~which performs~~ <u>apparatuses perform</u> a printing process using the registered font data,

wherein said host computer comprises:

a reference unit adapted to refer to font registration information that includes information specifying a font~~, the font registration information being retained in the~~ ~~management apparatus~~ <u>registered in each of said plurality of printing apparatuses</u>;

a font registration unit adapted to download the font data to said <u>plurality of</u> printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> for registration; and

a ~~transmission~~ <u>management</u> unit adapted to ~~transmit~~ <u>retain the font</u> <u>registration information and manage</u> registration information, indicating the font data downloaded <u>to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u> by the font registration unit, ~~to the~~ ~~management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the~~ ~~management apparatus, based on the registration information~~, wherein the font registration information is used when the font data is downloaded to <u>any one of</u> the <u>plurality of</u> printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> by the font registration unit.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A communication method of a host computer that communicates ~~both with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and~~ with a plurality of printing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses via a network, said method comprising:

a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying a font~~, wherein the font registration information is retained in the management apparatus~~ registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses;

a font registration step of downloading font data to the plurality of printing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses for registration; and

a ~~transmission~~ management step, performed by a management unit, of ~~transmitting~~ retaining the font registration information and managing registration information, indicating the font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses in said font registration step~~, to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the management apparatus, based on the registration information~~, wherein the font registration information is used when the font data is downloaded to any one of the printing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses in said font registration step.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 33, further comprising an instruction step of sending a delete instruction to the printing apparatus to delete the font data registered in the printing apparatus, wherein the font registration information retained in the management ~~apparatus~~ unit is updated in response to deletion of the font data, in accordance with the delete instruction.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 33, further comprising a specification step of specifying information on a font to be downloaded, based on the font registration information referred to in said reference step.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 33, wherein, in said font registration step, the font data is collectively downloaded to [[a]] the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration.

Claim 37 (canceled).

Claim 38 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 35, wherein

the font registration information indicates a printer name and a font name in combination for each of [[a]] the plurality of printing apparatuses,

said specification step specifies includes specifying information on a font to be downloaded to each printing apparatus, based on the font registration information, and

said font registration step includes collectively downloads downloading the font data to the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration, in response to specification of the information in said specification step.

Claim 39 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 33, wherein the font registration information includes information that indicates a printer name and a font name.

Claim 40 (currently amended): A communication method of a host computer that communicates ~~both~~ with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and with a ~~predetermined apparatus~~ plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, said method comprising:

a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying a font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses, wherein the font registration information is retained in the management apparatus;

a font registration step of downloading font data to the ~~predetermined apparatus~~ plurality of printing apparatuses for registration; and

a transmission step of transmitting registration information, indicating the font data downloaded in said font registration step, to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the management apparatus, based on the registration information, wherein the font registration information is used when the font data is downloaded to the predetermined apparatus in said font registration step.

Claim 41 (currently amended): A communication method of a print system that includes a printing apparatus and a host computer that communicates, via network, ~~both with a management apparatus, which manages fonts,~~ in which system font data from the host computer is registered in the printing ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses, and the printing apparatus, which performs a printing process using the registered font data, said method comprising, at the host computer:

a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying a font, ~~the font registration information being retained in the management apparatus~~ registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses;

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a font registration step of downloading the font data to the <u>plurality of</u> printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> for registration; and

a ~~transmission~~ <u>management</u> step of ~~transmitting~~ <u>retaining the font registration information and managing</u> registration information, indicating the font data downloaded <u>to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u> in said font registration step, ~~to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the management apparatus, based on the registration information,~~ wherein the font registration information is used when the font data is downloaded to <u>any one of</u> the printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> in said font registration step.

Claims 42-50 (canceled).

Claim 51 (currently amended): A computer program product embodying a program for implementing a communication method of a host computer that communicates ~~both with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and~~ with a <u>plurality of</u> printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> via a network, wherein the method comprises:

a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying a font, ~~wherein the font registration information is retained in the management apparatus~~ <u>registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u>;

a font registration step of downloading font data to the <u>plurality of</u> printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> for registration; and

a ~~transmission~~ <u>management</u> step<u>, performed by a management unit,</u> of ~~transmitting~~ <u>retain the font registration information and manage</u> registration information,

indicating the font data downloaded <u>to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u> in said font registration step, ~~to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the management apparatus, based on the registration information,~~ wherein the font registration information is used when the font data is downloaded to <u>any one of</u> the <u>plurality of</u> printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> in said font registration step.

Claim 52 (currently amended): A computer program product according to Claim 51, wherein the method further comprises an instruction step of sending a delete instruction to the printing apparatus to delete the font data registered in the printing apparatus, such that the font registration information retained in the management ~~apparatus~~ <u>unit</u> is updated in response to deletion of the font data, in accordance with the delete instruction.

Claim 53 (previously presented): A computer program product according to Claim 51, wherein the method further comprises a specification step of specifying information on a font to be downloaded, based on the font registration information referred to in said reference step.

Claim 54 (currently amended): A computer program product according to Claim 51, wherein, in said font registration step, the font data is collectively downloaded to [[a]] <u>the</u> plurality of printing apparatuses for registration.

Claim 55 (canceled).

Claim 56 (currently amended): A computer program product according to Claim 53, wherein

the font registration information indicates a printer name and a font name in combination for each of [[a]] the plurality of printing apparatuses,

said specification step ~~specifies~~ includes psecifying information on a font to be downloaded to each printing apparatus, based on the font registration information, and

said font registration step includes collectively ~~downloads~~ downloading the font data to the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration, in response to specification of the information in said specification step.

Claim 57 (previously presented): A computer program product according to Claim 51, wherein the font registration information includes information that indicates a printer name and a font name.

Claim 58 (currently amended): A computer program product embodying a program for implementing a communication method of a host computer that communicates ~~both~~ with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and with a ~~predetermined apparatus~~ plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, wherein the method comprises:

a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying a font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses, wherein the font registration information is retained in the management apparatus;

a font registration step of downloading font data to the ~~predetermined apparatus~~ plurality of printing apparatuses for registration; and

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a transmission step of transmitting registration information, indicating the font data downloaded <u>to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u> in said font registration step, to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the management apparatus, based on the registration information, wherein the font registration information is used when the font data is downloaded to ~~the predetermined apparatus~~ <u>any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u> in said font registration step.

Claim 59 (currently amended): A computer program product embodying a program for implementing a communication method of a print system that includes a printing apparatus and a host computer that communicates, via a network, ~~both with a management apparatus, which manages fonts~~, in which system font data from the host computer is registered in the printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u>, and the printing apparatus, which performs a printing process using the registered font data, wherein the method comprises, at the host computer:

a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying a font, ~~the font registration information being retained in the management apparatus~~ <u>registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u>;

a font registration step of downloading the font data to the <u>plurality of</u> printing ~~apparatus~~ <u>apparatuses</u> for registration; and

a ~~transmission~~ <u>management</u> step of ~~transmitting~~ <u>retaining the font registration information and managing</u> registration information, indicating the font data downloaded <u>to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses</u> in said font registration step, ~~to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained in the management apparatus, based on~~

the registration information, wherein the font registration information is used when the font data

is downloaded to any one of the printing apparatus apparatuses in said font registration step.